

Tent Requirements

Code Requirements for Tent Permits:

3104.1.1 All temporary structures that cover an area in excess of 120 square feet (11.16m²),* including all connecting areas or spaces with a common means of egress or entrance which are used or intended to be used for the gathering together of ten (10) or more persons, shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purposes without obtaining a permit from the code official. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes shall be exempt.

3104.5 Membrane material for all tents shall be of: approved noncombustible material as defined in 780 CMR 704.4; flame-resistant material as determined in accordance with both the small-scale and large-scale tests in NFPA 701 listed in Appendix A; or material treated in an approved manner to render the material flame-resistant.

3104.6 Certification: An affidavit or affirmation shall be submitted to the code official and a copy retained on the premises on which the tent or air supported structure is located. The affidavit shall attest to the following information relative to the flame-resistance of the fabric:

1. Names and addresses of the owners of the tent.
2. Date the fabric was last treated with flame-resistant solution.
3. Trade name or kind of chemical used in treatment.
4. Name of person or firm treating the material.
5. Name of testing agency and test standard by which the fabric was tested.

3104.9 Means of egress: All temporary structures including tents and membrane structures shall conform to the means of egress requirements of 780 CMR 10 and shall have a maximum exit access travel distance of 100 feet.

*Tents “ganged” together will be treated as a single tent for the purpose of area calculations, flame resistance, and egress requirements. They will require extra stakes where they meet so that the tie-downs are separated.